

More than 130,000 interviews have been completed through the toll free line (1-866-872-6868). Friday will be the final day for callers who believe they may have been overlooked.

"I hope any Central Coast resident who feels they may not have been counted in the census to call the help line," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "It's only through an accurate count that we'll make sure our communities receive the federal funds they deserve."

July 30 is the last day to take an interview over the toll free line to leave enough time for the Census Bureau to process the data and prepare the state population counts by the statutory deadline of Dec. 31, 2010.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide.

The 2010 Census form is one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

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